

(c) and (d) MSTC is no longer entrusted with the key role in the area of import of scrap. The recent notification of DGFT insisting on direct import of scrap by the end-user has further limited the role of MSTC in import of metal scrap. As mentioned above, MSTC, however, has introduced an e-Auction platform to bring about more effective disposal of scrap within the country.

Better compensation to land owners for acquiring land for SEZs

894. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that better compensation to the land owners whose land has been acquired for Special Economic Zones (SEZs), is not being paid across the country; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (b) Land is a State subject and each State has its own compensation and Relief & Rehabilitation measures depending upon the requirements and necessities of respective States and these are applicable for acquisition of land for SEZs also. However, the Ministry of Rural Development is currently formulating a revised National Rehabilitation Policy 2007 with the objective to minimize displacement and to promote, as far as possible, non-displacing or least displacing alternatives, ensure adequate rehabilitation packages and expeditious implementation of the rehabilitation process with the active participation of the displaced persons. As and when the new policy is implemented, it will apply to acquisition of land for industrial project including SEZs.

Hike in subsidy for South Indian Tea Growers

895. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Indian Tea Growers have demanded hike in the present subsidy and higher amount for tea replantation and rejuvenation, on par with Darjeeling, under the proposed replantation exercise of the Centre; and